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1. South Vietnam

We have had no further information on the political situation since Ambassador Lodge reported (this evening, Saigon time) on Ky's claim that the Buddhists have finally agreed to call off their campaign. The ambassador ended his cable by saying that "it all sounds too good to be true and we will need to await further developments."

Later in the evening, the government radio announced plans for the enlargement of the directorate, as Ky had promised, and stated that the change would become effective on Monday. Still later tonight, however, there was another large Buddhist demonstration in the capital, although not a particularly troublesome one.

In fact, we are not sure that the Buddhists' understanding of their agreement with Ky is the same as his. Some of them are still making noises about his stepping down.

Moreover, it is questionable how the Buddhists will react to events today in the north. Ky has given orders to I Corps commander Lam to use First Division troops to restore order in Hué. General Westmoreland has been informed that these troops will begin to move in early tomorrow morning. An airborne battalion is scheduled to move from Da Nang to a position near Hué where it will serve as a reserve for the other troops.

Earlier in the day, there were reports that a South Vietnamese engineer battalion known to be siding with the struggle forces was engaged in mining an important bridge between Hué and Da Nang. General Westmoreland has ordered General Walt to move in here and take over.

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2. Soviet Union

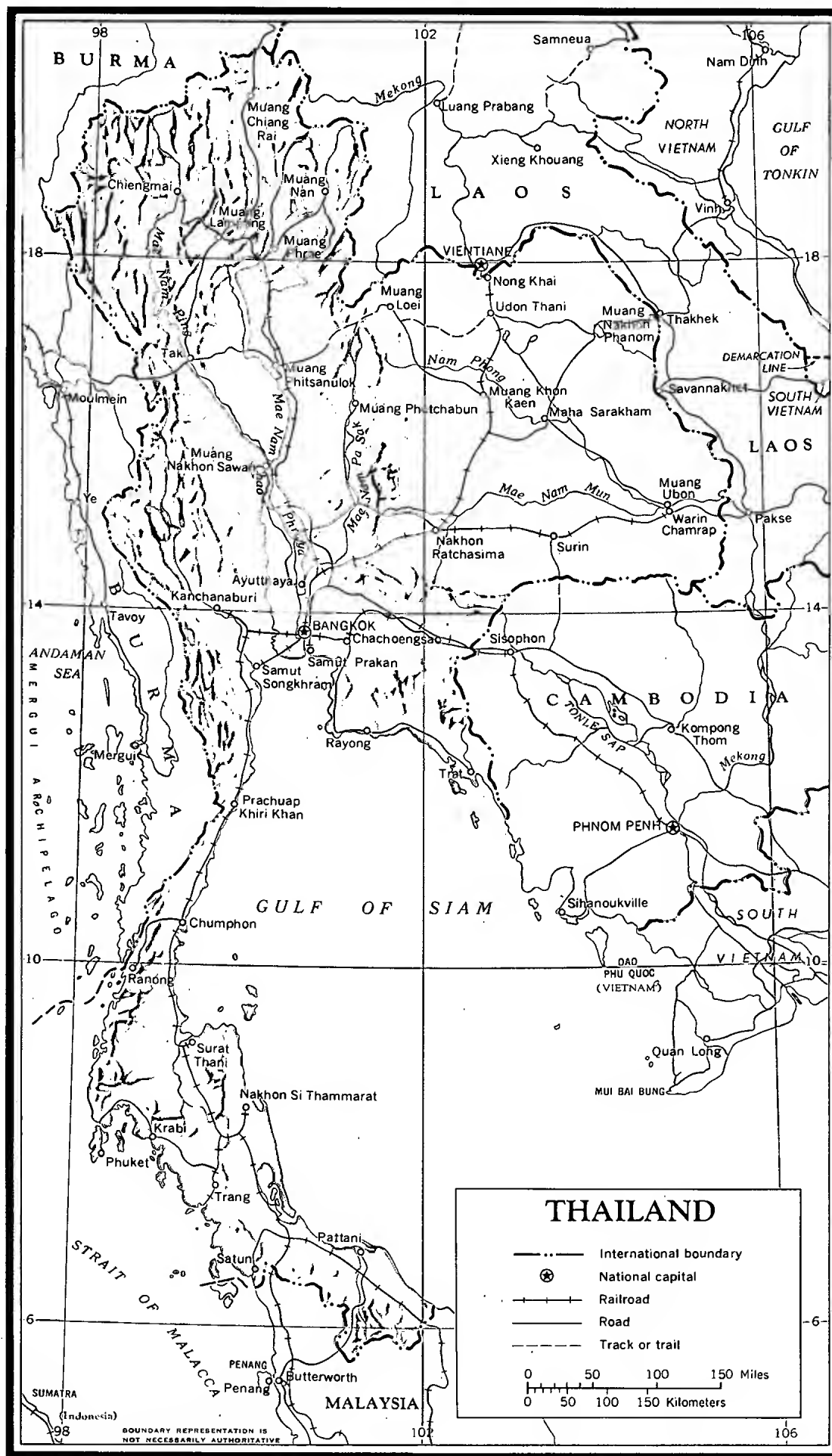
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3. Dominican Republic

Voter turnout has been heavy throughout the day and, so far, there have been no reports of serious incidents. The weather has been generally good, with light showers reported in some areas.

The polls close at 7:00 p.m. Washington time. Election officials promise to have a complete unofficial tally by early tomorrow evening. By late this afternoon there were no preliminary returns.

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4. Thailand

Communist insurgents are reacting aggressively to stepped-up government patrolling in the northeastern part of the country (see map). Insurgents have attacked government forces in three widely separated points in the northeast in recent weeks. An estimated 100 insurgents took part in one of the attacks, the largest to date.

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5. India

Mrs. Gandhi has been moving energetically to win a dominant position over the older, more doctrinaire leaders of the Congress Party and to strengthen her role as a national leader. In Ambassador Bowles' opinion, her success along these lines was the most significant development of the recent national meeting of party leaders.

6. Cyprus

Communal tensions are rising again, further dimming hopes for next week's scheduled meeting between the Greek and Turkish foreign ministers.

Makarios is reported determined to show who is boss and threatens to impose new restrictions on the Turkish Cypriots if their "provocations" continue. Ankara's efforts to improve living conditions in the Turkish enclaves are described by Makarios people as merely attempts to perpetuate de facto partition of the island.

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7. Nigeria

Serious rioting erupted again today in at least one town in northern Nigeria.

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Many southerners in the town had been injured and many houses were burning.

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This is presumably a sequel to the bloody rioting of last weekend.

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8. Panama

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